

GEORGE HYRUM BARZEE

George Hyrum Barzee, native of Bountiful, was born Sept. 10, 1860, to George and Amanda Buys Barzee and was raised by his grandmother Buys. His education began at an early age. In order for his Aunt Elizabeth Buys Sellers to receive an education, she had to take George to school and tend him; he took his naps on a bed in the corner made of coats. His regular schooling began at the age of four. His teachers were a Mrs. Farnum, then Hannah Holbrook. Her kitchen was the school room, and here he learned his ABC's. Their books were anything they could procure. At eight years of age, he read in the McGuffey third reader brought across the plains by his family in 1850. At this time, he completed the Webster Elementary Spelling Book with a large class, some of the boys were six feet tall and the girls were old enough to go to dances. At the age of 19, he went to what was called High School in Heber in the Bennie Norris' house, located in the corner of 2nd N. Main where the Highway Motel now stands. His uncle, William Buys, was the teacher. In 1882, he taught school, the Third Reader class in the "Upper" School House located where the First Ward Church now stands, with William Buys as Principal and teacher. Classes were taught by "readers" instead of "grades."

By saving his money, he was finally able to attend the University of Deseret, now U. of Utah, at the age of 26. In 1888-89 he taught school at Wallsburg, also at Charleston.

He helped with the first issue of the Wasatch Wave, Mar. 23, 1889. William Buys was founder and editor. He also served as editor Dec. 16, 1890, to Mar. 28, 1895, and again during and after the illness and death of Mr. Buys.

He took up the study of surveying under Mr. Buys and succeeded his Uncle Edward Buys as Surveyor of Wasatch County, which he held for many years. He was Justice of the Peace and married more than 56 couples during his term of office. He was also an Abstractor.

He was a booster for getting the telephone and railroad into Heber, and served as their first telephone operator. At that time, he was working in an office. They began with one telephone. If a message or

call would come, which was not too often, he would see that the people were notified.

He served as a member of the school board of trustees, and was Secretary-Treasurer of American Order of United Workmen, a lodge at that time. He passed away Oct. 26, 1927.

He married Emily Jane Carlile Sept. 10, 1891, and they had the following children: Cleo (Mrs. William McIntire), Emily (Mrs. Frank Conrad), Marie (Mrs. Bert Murray), Lavella (Mrs. Joseph Gillam).

Emily Jane Carlile Barzee was one of a family of six children. She was born Oct. 12, 1868, to James and Emily Ann Giles Carlile, some of the first settlers of this valley. Their home was at first a three-room log house, later replaced by a two story red brick house, 1st North and 3rd West.

Schools were not graded as they are today. They were graded by readers, first to eighth. Those who could afford it, finished their education in Provo or Salt Lake City. Her first teacher was Kezia Carroll Esplin, a cousin. The school was a one-room rock building situated in the northwestern part of town across the street from John W. Witt, now owned by his son Jesse Witt, 2nd W. 3rd N. The desks were wide boards, and a long bench without a back served as seats. Students would sit on both sides and study until class was called, then stand to recite.

Her next teacher was Nora Duke Cummings. Then later there were two teachers. Heber Moulton taught in the west end of the room and Frederick Giles in the east, with no division between. She also attended John Glenn's school in the same building. She finished her schooling at Sleepy Hollow school, Third South and Second West. Bishop Henry Clegg was the teacher. There was a fee of \$3.00 for nine months.

Sunday School was held in the afternoon. A ticket was given for each attendance, twelve tickets could be exchanged for a larger one and they were exchanged for a large picture or a book. She taught Sunday School for several years while William Lindsay was superintendent. She was active in LDS Relief Society and first assistant to Teenie Duke, Captain of the Wasatch County Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Sleigh riding and dancing were chief amusements. The dances began at 8 p.m. and the fellows would draw for partners. A group of girls would prepare supper at 11:30, the

dance would resume and continue until 1 or 2 a.m.

She died Nov. 11, 1948.

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AFTER REPEATEDLY CALLING ON
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Asst. Vice President/Manager of First American Title Company Retires



Darwin McGuire plans on spending more time with his family, traveling, and fishing in 1993 than ever before, after 40-plus years as a title officer. He retired on Dec. 18.

He began in the abstract business at Stanley Title and now retires after serving as assistant vice president/manager of First American Title Company of Utah, formerly Security Title Company for the past 25 years.

He is an active member of Rotary International and served as their president during 1974-75. He, his wife and their family, have hosted many Rotary exchange students from countries such as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Bolivia. And he has lined up many a Fair Days parade during his membership in Rotary International.

His wife, Ruth, and their children, Stan, Jeanne, David, Georgia,

Brent, and Louise, along with extended family, have been a very important part of Darwin's life. He and Ruth have plans now for spending much time with family, traveling, and visiting relatives throughout the United States.

The staff of First American Title

Company of Utah: back row: Marva Lee Edwards, Roger Cater, Darwin Johnson, and Gail Ann Jacobsen; front row: Natalie Henning, LaRae Thacker, Deb Spencer, and

Cathy Bingham would like to wish Darwin (center back row), a very fond farewell and wish him the best in his retirement. You will be missed!

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ley, secretary. In 1948 Clyde Ritchie became superintendent and served with Wayne Whiting, Clarence Pace and Paul Stanley until 1950 when Wayne Whiting was sustained as superintendent. Assistants to him were Clarence Pace and Ralph Carlile, with Glendon Evans as secretary.

Byron Cheever was called as superintendent in 1952 and served with Clarence Pace, Ralph Carlile and J. Fred Price as assistants and Dan Thacker, Glyndon Evans and J. Clark Crook as secretaries.

Serving as superintendent from 1956 to 1958 was Robert Clyde, with Ren Provost and Grant Elliot as assistants and J. Clark Crook, secretary.

The present superintendent, Ren Provost, was sustained in 1958, and has as his assistants Grant Elliot and Rulon Carlile. Lynn Carlson and Francis Harrison have been secretaries.

WASATCH STAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSN.

As a benefit and help to his daughters, President Brigham Young organized on November 28, 1869, the "Young Ladies Retrenchment Society." The successful organization soon found acceptance in many wards and stakes of the Church, but each group organized was a separate entity, selecting its own officers and choosing its own activities or course of study. By 1880 there were enough of the groups that President John Taylor organized them into a "Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association" for the Church and called Elmina S. Taylor to be the general president. Aides were soon selected to assist in the work and from this group has come the general board. In later years the organization's name was changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

Two years after the general Church organization of the YLMIA was appointed efforts were begun in Wasatch Stake to select a stake organization. In 1882 Josephine Cluff Jones was named president with Mary Duke and Mary Forman as counselors and Sarah Jane Hicken as secretary. Millie Cluff later became secretary. Present from the general board to assist in the organization of this first Wasatch Stake unit were Zina Young and Emmeline B. Wells.

This first presidency served together until 1885 when Ruth Hatch, wife of Abram Hatch, became president, with Annie R. Duke and Minnie Cluff as counselors. Secretaries included Lenora Duke, Millie Cluff and Georgana Clyde.

Annie R. Duke became president in 1889 with Sarah Cummings and Emily Hicken as counselors and Clara Duke, secretary. They served together until 1898 when Emily Hicken was named president with Eliza Rasband, counselor and Bethia Giles as secretary-librarian.

Fifth president in the stake was Eliza Rasband who was sustained in 1904 and served until 1910. Her counselors were Elfreda Jasperson and Martha J. Duke, with Margaret Crook as secretary. Succeeding as the president was Clara Clyde in 1910, with Eliza Rasband and Lavina